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## BLM to Continue Prescribed Burns Northeast of Roswell Starting March 22

Roswell, NM -- The Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office will be conducting a prescribed burn March 22-25, weather permitting.

There may be several days of burning involved and smoke may be visible from Roswell. The burn will be on both BLM administered lands and private lands owned by the Red Bluff Ranch. The prescribed burn will include approximately 1,600 acres and will be primarily a grass (sacaton) prescribed fire. The burn will be about 20 miles northeast of Roswell.

The burn objectives for the prescribed fire include:

- increasing the health and competitive ability of the native plant community,
- reducing the amount of vegetation available to wildfire, and
- reducing exotic and invasive species.

Roads will be posted with informational signs within the vicinity of each burn.

For further information, contact the Bureau of Land Management, 2909 West 2nd Street, Roswell, NM 88201 or call Pecos Valley Dispatch at (505) 627-0301.

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